

West Lake Community Engagement Quarterly Report
November 2014

As called for by the West Lake Community Engagement (CE) Strategy, this report summarizes the CE activities conducted during the months of July, August, and September 2014. The purpose of this report is to document the CE activities, to capture headlines, and to measure engagement where possible by analyzing markers such as the number of participants at a meeting, number of hits on the website, and the number of comments, likes, and retweets on social media messaging. The information compiled in the quarterly reports will be monitored over the long term, and will help inform decisions about adapting our engagement strategy to maximize impact.

July 2014 CE Activities

Congressional Inquiries:

Sen. Claire McCaskill (Mo.); Sen. Roy Blunt (Mo.); Rep. William Lacy Clay (Mo.); Rep. Ann Wagner (Mo.) – Letter – 7/18/14: West Lake Landfill. Due: 8/1/14. Contact: LaTonya Sanders, 7555

July 2014 Press Inquiries:

St. Louis Post Dispatch – Blythe Bernhard – 7/3/14: Questions about vandalism at the Spanish Village air monitoring station. Contact: Ben Washburn, 7364

KMOX Radio – Kevin Killeen – 7/3/14: Questions about vandalism at the Spanish Village air monitoring station. Contact: Ben Washburn, 7364

Wall Street Journal – John Emshwiller – 7/4/14: Questions about West Lake Landfill Site in Bridgeton, Mo. Contact: Chris Whitley, 7394

Wall Street Journal – John Emshwiller – 7/10/14: Second round of follow-up questions concerning isolation barrier construction at West Lake Landfill Site in Bridgeton, Mo. Contact: Chris Whitley, 7394

KWMU Public Radio, St. Louis – Veronique LaCapra – 7/14/14: Questions about West Lake Landfill Site in Bridgeton, Mo. Contact: Chris Whitley, 7394

St. Louis Post-Dispatch – Blythe Bernhard – 7/21/14: Questions about letter to EPA Region 7 from Congressional delegation regarding a project timeline for work at the West Lake Landfill Site in Bridgeton, Mo. Contact: Chris Whitley, 7394

KWMU Public Radio, St. Louis – Veronique LaCapra – 7/24/14 – Question about EPA Region 7's response to Congressional delegation letter about construction timetable for isolation barrier at West Lake Landfill Site in Bridgeton, Mo. Contact: Chris Whitley, 7394

Wall Street Journal – John Emshwiller – 7/24/14 – Question about status of final report of soil sampling at the Bridgeton Municipal Athletic Complex in Bridgeton, Mo. Contact: Chris Whitley, 7394

KWMU Public Radio, St. Louis – Veronique LaCapra – 7/25/14: Questions about timing of release of final report on EPA Region 7's screening of the Bridgeton Municipal Athletic Complex in Bridgeton, Mo. Contact: Chris Whitley, 7394

St. Louis Post-Dispatch – Blythe Bernhard – 7/30/14: Questions about timing of EPA's release of final report of radiation survey at Bridgeton Municipal Athletic Complex in Bridgeton, Mo. Contact: Chris Whitley, 7394

KWMU Public Radio – Veronique LaCapra – 7/30/14: Questions about timing of EPA's release of final

report of radiation survey at Bridgeton Municipal Athletic Complex in Bridgeton, Mo. Contact: Chris Whitley, 7394

KSDK Channel 5, St. Louis – Grant Bissell – 7/30/14: Questions about surface soil sampling for radiation done by Pattonville School District. Referred reporter to the private engineering firm that conducted the sampling and analysis. Contact: Chris Whitley, 7394

KWMU Public Radio, St. Louis – Veronique LaCapra – 7/30/14: Notified the reporter about the online posting of EPA's response to a recent statement from the West Lake Landfill Community Advisory Group's Executive Committee. Contact: Chris Whitley, 7394

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KMOX Radio, St. Louis – Kevin Killeen – 7/31/14: Questions about availability of EPA Region 7's response to recent letter from Congressional delegation regarding timetable for actions involving isolation barrier project at West Lake Landfill Site in Bridgeton, Mo. Contact: Chris Whitley, 7394

KWMU Public Radio, St. Louis – Veronique LaCapra – 7/31/14: Questions about final survey report for the Bridgeton Municipal Athletic Complex in Bridgeton, Mo. Contact: Chris Whitley, 7394

KMOX Radio, St. Louis – Kevin Killeen – 7/31/14: Questions about final survey report for the Bridgeton Municipal Athletic Complex in Bridgeton, Mo. Contact: Chris Whitley, 7394

July 2014 Press Coverage:

St. Louis Public Radio - State Concerned About Potential For Surface Fire At Bridgeton Landfill - 7/1/14 - State agency officials are concerned that the underground fire at the Bridgeton Landfill could break through to the surface. That scenario was raised in a recent memo by landfill fire expert Todd Thalhamer, who has been consulting for the Missouri Department of Natural Resources.
<http://news.stlpublicradio.org/post/state-concerned-about-potential-surface-fire-bridgeton-landfill>

St. Louis Post-Dispatch - Smoldering Bridgeton Landfill at risk of surface fires, analyst says - 7/2/14 - An underground fire at the Bridgeton Landfill is spreading and moving closer to the surface, according to an engineer who analyzed temperature data from the site.
http://www.stltoday.com/lifestyles/health-med-fit/health/smoldering-bridgeton-landfill-at-risk-of-surface-fires-analyst-says/article_651b6064-5d02-594c-bb1b-a33186e8afc2.html

St. Louis Post-Dispatch - Air monitors stolen from neighborhood near Bridgeton, West Lake landfills – 7/3/14 - Air monitors stationed in the Spanish Village neighborhood near the smoldering Bridgeton and radioactive West Lake landfills were stolen, a spokesman for the Environmental Protection Agency said today.
http://www.stltoday.com/lifestyles/health-med-fit/health/air-monitors-stolen-from-neighborhood-near-bridgeton-west-lake-landfills/article_d03598a0-ad3d-516d-8070-35d2e09c63d2.html

KPLR Channel 11, St. Louis – Residents around Bridgeton Athletic Complex Wary of EPA Results – 7/21/14 - The Westlake Bridgeton Landfill Community Advisory Group has lost its faith in EPA testing for contamination. The group announced its concerns during a Monday night meeting.
<http://kplr11.com/2014/07/21/residents-around-bridgeton-athletic-complex-wary-of-epa-results/>

KMOV Channel 4, St. Louis – Barrier at Bridgeton Landfill Delayed – 7/22/14 - Construction of a barrier aimed at preventing underground smoldering from reaching buried nuclear waste at a suburban St. Louis landfill has been delayed, and lawmakers want to know why.
<http://www.kmov.com/news/local/Barrier-at-Bridgeton-landfill-delayed-268109262.html>

St. Louis Post-Dispatch – Barrier between fire and nuclear waste at West Lake Landfill is delayed – 7/22/14 - Construction on a barrier between an underground fire at the Bridgeton Landfill and radioactive materials in the adjacent West Lake Landfill has been delayed, and federal lawmakers are asking why. http://www.stltoday.com/business/local/barrier-between-fire-and-nuclear-waste-at-west-lake-landfill/article_3ecf5c1b-a441-5985-85d8-b89cf95975e2.html

Wall Street Journal – Radioactive Waste in St. Louis at Risk from Smoldering Trash – 7/24/14 - Pressure is mounting to deal with the legacy of radioactive contamination and possible damage to human health caused by work done in this region for the U.S. nuclear-weapons program. A state environmental consultant recently warned that a "subsurface smoldering event", caused by garbage heating up underground, might be heading toward a section of the West Lake landfill, where thousands of tons of radioactive garbage is buried. <http://online.wsj.com/articles/radioactive-waste-in-st-louis-at-risk-from-smoldering-trash-1406219385?mod= newsreel 4>

NASDAQ - Landfill Garbage Said To Encroach On Radioactive Waste - 7/25/14 - Pressure is mounting to deal with the legacy of radioactive contamination and possible damage to human health caused by work done in this region for the U.S. nuclear-weapons program. A state environmental consultant recently warned that a "subsurface smoldering event", caused by garbage heating up underground, might be heading toward a section of the West Lake landfill, where thousands of tons of radioactive garbage is buried. <http://www.nasdaq.com/article/landfill-garbage-said-to-encroach-on-radioactive-waste-20140724-01185>

KSDK Ch. 5 St. Louis - Feds weigh in on Bridgeton Landfill concerns - 7/26/14 - A branch of the Centers for Disease Control is now weighing in on the radioactive West Lake Landfill and the neighboring Bridgeton Landfill after a recent report from the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health raised concerns for firefighters near the landfills. <http://www.ksdk.com/story/news/local/2014/07/26/cdc-bridgeton-landfill-west-lake-landfill/13220013/>

KSDK Ch. 5 St. Louis - Air quality tested again at Bridgeton Landfill - 7/28/14 - The fifth round of air quality testing will begin Monday at the Bridgeton Landfill. The landfill has been smoldering for years, and this week 40 air monitors will gather information about what's going on in the air around the landfill. <http://www.ksdk.com/story/news/local/2014/07/28/bridgeton-landfill-air-quality-testing/13260613/>

KTVI Ch. 2 St. Louis - Bridgeton Landfill says it's met deadline to reduce odor - 7/28/14 - The company in charge of the Bridgeton Landfill says it's beaten the July 31st deadline imposed by a court to knockdown the odor coming from a the landfill. <http://fox2now.com/2014/07/28/bridgeton-landfill-says-its-met-deadline-to-reduce-odor/>

KTVI Ch. 2 St. Louis - Pattonville given all clear on testing for radioactive material - 7/30/14 - Pattonville School District parents can breathe easier Wednesday after getting news from the school district that recent soil testing from two schools located near the Bridgeton and West Lake Landfills came back negative for radioactive material. <http://fox2now.com/2014/07/30/pattonville-given-all-clear-on-testing-for-radioactive-material/>

St. Louis Post-Dispatch - Pattonville schools near West Lake Landfill cleared in radiation testing - 7/30/14 - Soil collected in June from Pattonville High and Rose Acres Elementary schools, which are two miles from the radioactive West Lake Landfill, did not show high levels of radiation, according to a report from a St. Charles engineering firm. http://www.stltoday.com/lifestyles/health-med-fit/health/pattonville-schools-near-west-lake-landfill-cleared-in-radiation-testing/article_3dff1812-dc1f-5735-8649-97ebd84806fb.html

KSDK Ch. 5 St. Louis - Radiation test at Pattonville high School - 7/31/14 - An unnaturally high radiation spike at Pattonville high school is raising some eyebrows. The school sits just 2 miles from the radioactive West lake Landfill in Bridgeton. <http://www.ksdk.com/story/news/local/2014/07/31/radiation-pattonville-high-school/13395327/>

Associated Press - Firm says Missouri school soil isn't hazardous - 7/31/14 - An engineering firm hired by a Bridgeton-area school district has concluded that soil from schools 2 miles from a radioactive landfill didn't show high levels of radiation. <http://www.sfgate.com/news/science/article/Firm-says-Missouri-school-soil-isn-t-hazardous-5658656.php>

KMOX Radio St. Louis - Stenger: Dooley Has Conflict of Interest in Burning Bridgeton Landfill - 7/31/14 - Charlie Dooley's challenger in the race for St. Louis County Executive is accusing him of a conflict of interest on the burning Bridgeton landfill. Steve Stenger says it's wrong for the nuclear dump site spokesman, Richard Callow, to also be playing a role in the Dooley re-election effort. <http://stlouis.cbslocal.com/2014/07/31/stenger-dooley-has-conflict-of-interest-in-burning-bridgeton-landfill/>

KMOX Radio – EPA: Final Report on Bridgeton Municipal Athletic Complex Shows Facility 'Suitable for Public Use' – 7/31/14 - The Environmental Protection Agency Region 7 says that a final comprehensive report of scientific surface gamma radiation screening and soil sampling of the Bridgeton Municipal Athletic Complex in Bridgeton, Mo., shows that the facility is suitable for public use and requires no further environmental response. <http://stlouis.cbslocal.com/2014/07/31/epa-final-report-on-bridgeton-municipal-athletic-complex-shows-facility-suitable-for-public-use/>

St. Louis Post-Dispatch – EPA: Soil tests on Bridgeton ball fields show no radiation concerns 7/31/14 - The Bridgeton Municipal Athletic Complex poses no risk to public health; soil tests have not detected concerning levels of radiation, the Environmental Protection Agency announced Thursday. http://www.stltoday.com/lifestyles/health-med-fit/health/epa-soil-tests-on-bridgeton-ball-fields-show-no-radiation/article_822baf06-bb3b-5200-9076-7490926a8f2d.html

KWMU Public Radio, St. Louis – EPA Concludes Bridgeton Ball Fields Pose No Radiation Health Risk – 7/31/14 - Soil tests conducted by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency show no health risk from radiation at the Bridgeton Municipal Athletic Complex. <http://news.stlpublicradio.org/post/epa-concludes-bridgeton-ball-fields-pose-no-radiation-health-risk>

KSDK Channel 5, St. Louis – EPA: Baseball fields near Bridgeton Landfill are safe – 7/31/14 - The Environmental Protection Agency says baseball fields that sit near a St. Louis County landfill that is contaminated with Cold War-era nuclear waste are safe for public use. <http://www.ksdk.com/story/news/local/2014/07/31/epa-baseball-fields-near-bridgeton-landfill-are-safe/13422297/>

July 2014 West Lake Updates:

7/15/14: Air Monitors Stolen from Spanish Village, Next CAG Meeting, Pre-Construction Workplan Update

7/21/14: West Lake Update The Path Ahead

7/30/14: Response to CAG Executive Committee's resolution regarding EPA work at BMAC.

July 2014 Web Postings:

7/1/14: Revised Work Plan for Removal Action – Preconstruction Work, June 20, 2014

Hits in first 30 days: 22
Total hits: 49

7/15/14: West Lake Update - Air Monitors Stolen from Spanish Village, Next CAG Meeting, Pre-Construction Workplan Update

Hits in first 30 days:
Total hits: 27

7/15/14: Letter approving Revised Work Plan for Removal Action - Preconstruction Work, dated June 20, 2014, from EPA Region 7 Superfund Remedial Project Manager Daniel R. Gravatt to Engineering Management Support, Inc., July 1, 2014

Hits in first 30 days: 18
Total hits: 19

7/21/14: West Lake Update The Path Ahead

Hits in first 30 days: 23
Total hits: 26

7/30/14: West Lake Update - Response to CAG Executive Committee's resolution regarding EPA work at BMAC.

Hits in first 30 days: 28
Total hits: 33

7/31/14: Final Pre-CERCLIS Screening Report for the Bridgeton Municipal Athletic Complex (BMAC) Site, July 30, 2014

Hits in first 30 days: 17
Total hits: 21

7/30/14: Letter from West Lake Community Advisory Group (CAG) Executive Committee in Response to EPA's Proclamations Regarding the Bridgeton Municipal Athletic Complex (BMAC), July 20, 2014

Hits in first 30 days: 7
Total hits: 10

July 2014 CAG Meeting:

EPA OSCs presented BMAC investigation results, St. Louis County Emergency Management presented on Contingency Plan

July 2014 Social Media Engagement:

Twitter

Twitter statistics are unique user statistics.

7/31/14: You can find the BMAC soil sample report here: <http://t.co/ZVlvkg6gKS> #Westlakelandfill

Impressions: 155
Engagement: 1
Retweets: 0
Replies: 0

7/31/14: Final Report on BMAC Shows Facility is Suitable for Public Use; No Further Action Needed: <http://t.co/UMjRzqZkT2> #Westlakelandfill

Impressions: 78
Engagement: 2
Retweets: 0
Replies: 0

August 2014 CE Activities

Congressional Inquiries:

None

August 2014 Press Inquiries:

KMOX Radio, St. Louis – Kevin Killeen – 8/4/14: Questions about availability of EPA Region 7's response to letter from the Congressional delegation regarding timeline for the isolation barrier project at West Lake Landfill Site in Bridgeton, Mo. Contact: Chris Whitley, 7394

KMOX Radio, St. Louis – Kevin Killeen – 8/8/14: Provided copy of EPA Region 7's letter responding to Congressional delegation concerns about timeline for isolation barrier project at West Lake Landfill Site in Bridgeton, Mo. Contact: Chris Whitley, 7394

KWMU Public Radio, St. Louis – Veronique LaCapra – 8/8/14: Provided copy of EPA Region 7's letter responding to Congressional delegation concerns about timeline for isolation barrier project at West Lake Landfill Site in Bridgeton, Mo. Contact: Chris Whitley, 7394

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August 2014 Press Coverage:

KSDK Channel 5, St. Louis – Pattonville radiation within normal levels – 8/1/14 - On Wednesday, NewsChannel 5 reported about elevated radiation levels at Pattonville School District's baseball fields. The company that conducted the tests is saying their data was wrong.
<http://www.ksdk.com/story/news/health/2014/08/01/pattonville-radiation-level-normal/13451831/>

Springfield News-Leaders - EPA says baseball fields near landfill safe - 8/1/14 - Baseball fields that sit near a St. Louis County landfill that is contaminated with Cold War-era nuclear waste are safe for public use, the Environmental Protection Agency said Thursday. The EPA began an investigation in May after Bridgeton-area residents hired a private firm for radiation testing at Bridgeton Municipal Athletic Complex.
<http://www.news-leader.com/story/news/local/missouri/2014/08/01/epa-says-baseball-fields-near-landfill-safe/13451905/>

St. Louis Public Radio - Bridgeton Landfill Owner To Pay More Than \$4.6 Million To Neighboring Homeowners - 8/1/14 - A U.S. District Court has finalized a lawsuit settlement between Bridgeton Landfill owner Republic Services and hundreds of people living near the landfill. Under the settlement, Republic will pay a total of at least \$4.6 million to compensate 947 current and former area residents.
<http://news.stlpublicradio.org/post/bridgeton-landfill-owner-pay-more-46-million-neighboring-homeowners>

KMOX Radio St. Louis - Some Want Clarification on EPA's Call That Bridgeton Athletic Complex Safe for Use - 8/2/14 - The EPA says its soil samples show it's safe to play on the ball fields at Bridgeton Municipal Athletic Complex in Bridgeton. However, there are different interpretations of the test results.
<http://stlouis.cbslocal.com/2014/08/01/some-disagree-with-epas-call-that-bridgeton-athletic-complex-safe-for-use/>

St. Louis Post-Dispatch - Bridgeton Landfill odor settlement is approved- 8/5/14 - A \$6.8 million class action settlement for residents who live closest to the smoldering Bridgeton Landfill is fair, reasonable and adequate, a federal judge has ruled.
<http://www.stltoday.com/lifestyles/health-med->

[fit/health/bridgeton-landfill-odor-settlement-is-approved/article_817328d1-aa61-5248-a3ae-a89801adf843.html](http://www.stltoday.com/lifestyles/health-med-fit/health/plans-not-complete-for-delayed-barrier-between-burning-and-radioactive/article_817328d1-aa61-5248-a3ae-a89801adf843.html)

St. Louis Post-Dispatch – Plans not complete for delayed barrier between burning and radioactive Bridgeton Landfills - 8/8/14 - Design plans for a barrier to block an underground fire at the Bridgeton Landfill from radioactive materials in the adjacent West Lake Landfill are still not finished, according to the Environmental Protection Agency. http://www.stltoday.com/lifestyles/health-med-fit/health/plans-not-complete-for-delayed-barrier-between-burning-and-radioactive/article_4a4ba915-4e5b-5980-9e1a-7d0448fe2120.html

KMOX Radio, St. Louis – EPA Puts Six-Month Delay on Firebreak Trench Project – 8/9/14 – It was supposed to start this summer, but now the Environmental Protection Agency says it will be six months or more before it begins digging a firebreak trench to separate the burning Bridgeton landfill from nearby nuclear waste. <http://stlouis.cbslocal.com/2014/08/08/epa-puts-six-month-delay-on-firebreak-trench-project/>

KSDK-TV, Ch. 5 - Mo. AG presses EPA on West Lake Landfill timetable - 8/11/14 - Missouri Attorney General Chris Koster sent a letter to the United States Environmental Protection Agency asking for more expedient action on the West Lake Landfill isolation barrier. <http://www.ksdk.com/story/news/local/2014/08/11/chris-koster-epa-west-lake-landfill-letter/13918515/>

St. Louis Post Dispatch - More odor lawsuits filed against Bridgeton Landfill owner - 8/13/14 - Residents near the Bridgeton Landfill filed 14 additional lawsuits Tuesday against waste disposal company Republic Services for damages they say were caused by a foul stench that started more than three years ago from an underground fire at the landfill. http://www.stltoday.com/lifestyles/health-med-fit/health/more-odor-lawsuits-filed-against-bridgeton-landfill-owner/article_c059212f-0385-5124-a3bf-fc67e9aa6c99.html

KTVI Channel 2, St. Louis – More lawsuits filed against Bridgeton Landfill – 8/13/14 - Residents who live near a Missouri landfill have filed more lawsuits against a waste disposal company. <http://fox2now.com/2014/08/13/more-lawsuits-filed-against-bridgeton-landfill/>

Southeast Missourian, Cape Girardeau – Residents file more lawsuits against Bridgeton Landfill – 8/14/14 - Residents living near a smoldering Missouri landfill have filed more lawsuits against a waste disposal company. More than 34 people are represented in 14 lawsuits that were filed Tuesday against Bridgeton Landfill owner Republic Services, the St. Louis Post-Dispatch reported. <http://www.semissourian.com/story/2109403.html>

St. Louis Post-Dispatch - Radiation lawsuit against West Lake Landfill in Bridgeton dismissed - 8/22/14 - Lawyers for a Bridgeton resident dismissed a class action lawsuit today against Republic Services, owners of the radioactive West Lake Landfill. The lawsuit filed in federal court in April on behalf of John James, a resident of the Spanish Village subdivision, claimed that radiation from the landfill had contaminated nearby homes and businesses. http://www.stltoday.com/lifestyles/health-med-fit/health/radiation-lawsuit-against-west-lake-landfill-in-bridgeton-dismissed/article_fa2e6afa-e82a-5988-81e8-b659fccbbdc0.html

KWMU St. Louis Public Radio - Suit Dismissed That Alleged West Lake Landfill's Radiation Had Spread - 8/25/14 - At the behest of the man who had filed the suit, a U.S. District Court has dismissed a suit that had alleged the radiation from the West Lake Landfill had spread into surrounding neighborhoods. <http://news.stlpublicradio.org/post/suit-dismissed-alleged-west-lake-landfills-radiation-had-spread>

St. Louis Post-Dispatch - Exelon doubts EPA will order removal of West Lake radioactive waste - 8/31/14 - Construction has been almost nonstop at the smoldering Bridgeton Landfill this year, with workers laboring even during a frigid January to build the treatment plants and filtering systems that keep the worst of the odors at bay. http://www.stltoday.com/business/local/exelon-pulled-into-west-lake-problems/article_f69d6f01-4399-54ef-85a5-2287c1258cb1.html

St. Louis Post-Dispatch - Republic Services struggles to gain trust as it deals with landfill headache - 8/31/14 - Buying Allied Waste in 2008 brought Republic Services to the St. Louis area. The acquisition also made it the owner of an infamous landfill. http://www.stltoday.com/business/local/republic-services-struggles-to-gain-trust-as-it-deals-with/article_f65f141d-95f1-5b94-81d0-69d707bed440.html

August 2014 West Lake Updates:

8/8/14: Second Interagency Agreement, Final BMAC Results, Meet Lynn Slugantz, Windblown Debris Barrier Installation

7/21/14: West Lake Update The Path Ahead

8/27/14: Lead-210

August 2014 Web Postings:

8/8/14: West Lake Update – Second Interagency Agreement, Final BMAC Results, Meet Lynn Slugantz, Windblown Debris Barrier Installation

Hits in first 30 days: 47
Total hits: 52

8/8/14: Interagency Agreement between EPA Region 7 and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - West Lake Landfill Construction Oversight and Technical Review, July 31, 2014

Hits in first 30 days: 28
Total hits: 35

8/8/14: Letter from EPA Region 7 Administrator Karl Brooks to the Congressional Delegation, July 28, 2014

Hits in first 30 days: 7
Total hits: 9

8/15/14: Letter from EPA Region 7 Administrator Karl Brooks to the Office of the Mayor, City of St. Louis, and Director of Airports, Lambert-St. Louis International Airport, Aug. 13, 2014

Hits in first 30 days: 17
Total hits: 23

8/15/14: Letter from the Office of the Mayor, City of St. Louis, and Director of Airports, Lambert-St. Louis International Airport, to EPA Region 7 Administrator Karl Brooks, Aug. 11, 2014

Hits in first 30 days: 14
Total hits: 17

8/15/14: Letter from EPA Region 7 Administrator Karl Brooks to Missouri Attorney General Chris Koster, Aug. 13, 2014

Hits in first 30 days: 16
Total hits: 18

8/18/14: West Lake Update The Path Ahead

Hits in first 30 days: 39
Total hits: 41

8/27/14: West Lake Update - Lead-210

Hits in first 30 days: 79

Total hits: 80

August 2014 CAG Meeting:

EPA presentation about EPA methods and procedures at BMAC, rebutting allegations of substandard work; answer CAG questions

August 2014 Social Media Engagement:

September 2014 CE Activities

Congressional Inquiries:

None

September 2014 Press Inquiries:

KSDK Ch. 5 St. Louis – Grant Bissell – 9/4/14: Questions regarding barrier constructions. Contact: Ben Washburn, 7364

St. Louis Post-Dispatch – Blythe Bernhard – 9/4/14: Questions regarding barrier constructions. Contact: Ben Washburn, 7364

RadWaste Monitor – Jeremy Dillon – 9/9/14: Questions about Todd Thalhammer's SSE report and duration of IB planning period. Contact: Ben Washburn, 7364

St. Louis Post-Dispatch – Blythe Bernhard – 9/22/14: Questions about costs for proposed isolation barrier alternatives. Contact: Ben Washburn, 7364

Rad Waste Monitor – Jeremy Dillon – 9/25/14: Requesting statement from EPA about PRP's analysis of SSE in the Bridgeton landfill. Contact: Ben Washburn, 7364

September 2014 Press Coverage:

St. Louis Post-Dispatch - Bridgeton Landfill barrier design to take at least another 18 months - 9/3/14 - Construction on a barrier between the smoldering Bridgeton Landfill and the radioactive West Lake Landfill won't start for at least 18 months, according to a new analysis from the Army Corps of Engineers. http://www.stltoday.com/lifestyles/health-med-fit/health/bridgeton-landfill-barrier-design-to-take-at-least-another-months/article_bde48fb2-d0e3-5df7-a748-ab15aaf4bb15.html

Associated Press - Construction on landfill barrier still months away - 9/4/14 - It will be at least a year and a half until construction starts on a barrier between smoldering at a suburban St. Louis landfill and radioactive waste buried at an adjacent landfill. <http://fox2now.com/2014/09/04/construction-on-landfill-barrier-still-months-away/>

KMOX Radio St. Louis - Bridgeton Landfill Sparking New Worries - 9/4/14 - New worries today about the burning Bridgeton landfill, including where the fire is, and how much time it might take to build a firebreak trench to isolate the nuclear waste. <http://stlouis.cbslocal.com/2014/09/04/bridgeton-landfill-sparking-new-worries/>

Suburban Journals (St. Louis) - State consultant says Bridgeton Landfill fire spreading north -

9/5/14 - The consultant hired by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources says the "subsurface fire" at the Bridgeton Landfill is expanding and moving closer to the radioactive West Lake Landfill.
http://www.stltoday.com/business/local/state-consultant-says-bridgeton-landfill-fire-spreading-north/article_1913a2e4-bcf5-51c1-8827-658fe5469b59.html

KSDK Ch. 5 St. Louis - West Lake landfill barrier construction delayed - 9/5/14 - A major development at the troubled Bridgeton and West Lake landfills in St. Louis County. A plan has been delayed to build a barrier wall that would separate an underground fire from radioactive waste.
<http://www.ksdk.com/story/news/local/2014/09/04/west-lake-landfill-barrier-construction-delayed/15111959/>

St. Louis Post-Dispatch - Editorial: Governor should take the muzzle off landfill contractors - 9/10/14 - It's time for state and federal officials and privately owned Republic Services to stop giving residents in the West Lake and Bridgeton landfill areas the runaround. And it's way past time for Gov. Jay Nixon to stop muzzling his employees and contractors — who are paid with public dollars — so they can reassure the public about health concerns related to the landfills.
http://www.stltoday.com/news/opinion/editorial-governor-should-take-the-muzzle-off-landfill-contractors/article_7d2b9e31-39e5-5e7a-a46f-ff7cebe47ee9.html#.VBBEQX55MCo.facebook

St. Louis Post-Dispatch - Bridgeton Landfill fire is not moving toward radioactive waste, consultants say - 9/19/14 - Consultants hired by Republic Services, owners of the smoldering Bridgeton Landfill, said a new analysis of temperatures and emissions shows the underground fire at the landfill is not growing nor moving toward radioactive waste.
http://www.stltoday.com/business/local/bridgeton-landfill-fire-is-not-moving-toward-radioactive-waste-consultants/article_0a670d5e-2a5a-5377-96ce-353f1a5f25ec.html

KMOX Radio St. Louis - Residents Living Near Bridgeton Landfill Learn of Proposed Evacuation Plan - 9/19/14 - Last night, Bridgeton Landfill neighbors got a glimpse at the evacuation plan, should the landfill fire hit the surface or run into nearby radioactive waste. The most likely scenario, should the underground fire hit the surface or nuclear waste, would be for neighbors to shelter in place.
<http://stlouis.cbslocal.com/2014/09/19/residents-living-near-bridgeton-landfill-learn-of-proposed-evacuation-plan/>

KSDK Ch. 5 St. Louis - Report: Higher cancer rates in areas near Cold Water Creek (video) - 9/23/14 - Data released from the Department of Health and Senior Services confirms what people who have lived near Cold Water Creek have been saying for years. They feared the rare cancers they were getting at an early age were directly related to radioactive contamination in the creek. But that data also has some mixed messages. <http://www.ksdk.com/story/news/local/2014/09/23/cold-water-creek-north-st-louis-county-cancer-rates-report/16113757/>

KMOV Ch. 4 St. Louis - Report shows elevated cancer rates around Coldwater Creek - 9/23/14 - A new survey, released Tuesday, shows high rates of Leukemia, breast, colon and other cancers in the areas around Coldwater Creek and West Lake Landfill. The creek was contaminated by nuclear waste after World War II. <http://www.kmov.com/news/local/Report-finds-increased-cancer-cases-near-St-Louis-County-creek-276836791.html>

St. Louis Post-Dispatch - State now asks for inquiry into North County cancers - 9/24/14 - In a sharp shift, state health officials are asking for help to investigate whether high rates of cancers in north St. Louis County are linked to nuclear contamination of Coldwater Creek, which residents have long feared is causing rare illnesses. http://www.stltoday.com/lifestyles/health-med-fit/health/state-now-asks-for-inquiry-into-north-county-cancers/article_f2de6a33-f482-5d2a-9797-b7dd2f662ce1.html

KMOX Radio St. Louis - Cancers Occur at Higher Rate Along Cold Water Creek - 9/24/14 - People who live near Cold Water Creek in North St. Louis County have a higher rate of cancers than the rest of the state, according to the Department of Health and Senior Services and the Missouri Cancer Registry. <http://stlouis.cbslocal.com/2014/09/24/cancers-occur-at-higher-rate-along-cold-water-creek/>

KMOV Ch. 4 St. Louis - Residents calling upon community to fill out health survey about Coldwater Creek – 9/25/14 - Residents in north St. Louis County are concerned after a recently released report shows the large number of cases possibly linked to nuclear contamination from Coldwater Creek and they are asking the community to fill out a survey. <http://www.kmov.com/news/local/Coldwater-Creek-contamination-research-expanded-to-include-larger-North-County-area-276991051.html>

KMOX Radio St. Louis - County Health Department Calls for Further Study of Health Problems in Coldwater Creek Area - 9/26/14 - The St. Louis County Health Department has now joined the Missouri Health Department in asking the federal government to take a closer look at why cancer rates are so high in residents living around Coldwater Creek, which was contaminated by nuclear waste after World War II. <http://stlouis.cbslocal.com/2014/09/26/county-health-department-calls-for-further-study-of-health-problems-in-coldwater-creek-area/>

St. Louis Post-Dispatch - Fear of bird strikes factors into effort to solve landfill issues - 9/28/14 - Beyond radioactive waste, burning trash and dangerous chemicals, there's another risk that could hamper construction of a protective barrier between Bridgeton and West Lake landfills. Birds. http://www.stltoday.com/news/local/fear-of-bird-strikes-factors-into-effort-to-solve-landfill/article_0e3be008-3078-5d4a-a638-e3e032471944.html

St. Louis Post-Dispatch - Looking for intelligent decisions to fight landfill fire - 9/30/14 - The current state of affairs at the Bridgeton landfill is a modern-day comedy created by whoever is responsible for the contents ("Fear of bird strikes figures into future of landfills," Sept. 28). http://www.stltoday.com/news/opinion/mailbag/looking-for-intelligent-decisions-to-fight-landfill-fire/article_f56c661c-0291-5a57-8e83-d3c0c81ad0cd.html

September 2014 West Lake Updates:

9/4/14: Mo. AG meeting with EPA, St. Louis Airport; Safety of Flying Public; EPA Radiation Guidance; Next CAG meeting

9/18/14: West Lake Update The Path Ahead

September 2014 Web Postings:

9/2/14: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Isolation Barrier Alternatives Assessment Report, Aug. 26, 2014

Hits in first 30 days: 82
Total hits: 89

9/4/14: West Lake Update

Hits in first 30 days: 67
Total hits: 71

9/18/14: West Lake Update The Path Ahead

Hits in first 30 days: 77
Total hits: 80

9/30/14: Fact Sheet, September 2014: Update on the West Lake Landfill Superfund Site, Bridgeton, Missouri

Hits in first 30 days: 36
Total hits: 39

September 2014 CAG Meeting:

USACE presentation on radiation risk, EPA conducted informal availability session following CAG meeting

September 2014 Social Media Engagement:

Twitter

Twitter statistics are unique user statistics.

9/18/14: EPA expects isolation barrier plans by mid-October. Learn more in the latest West Lake Update: <http://t.co/9CcwGt8rLK> #westlakelandfill

Impressions: 149
Engagement: 4
Retweets: 0
Replies: 0

9/19/14: The next #WestLakeLandfill CAG meeting is at 6:30 pm, Tuesday, Oct. 14. Don't miss it!: <http://t.co/CLhjwamwYL>

Impressions: 202
Engagement: 5
Retweets: 2
Replies: 0

9/20/14: Have you seen the latest West Lake Update? <http://t.co/CLhjwamwYL> #westlakelandfill

Impressions: 122
Engagement: 0
Retweets: 0
Replies: 0

External Meetings (non-CAG):

9/29/14: Regional Administrator Karl Brooks met with the Earth City Board of Trustees, led by John Basilico, to discuss the West Lake Landfill site. Shawn Grindstaff of EPA Region 7 also attended.

9/29/14: Regional Administrator Karl Brooks met with Missouri Congressional delegation to discuss the West Lake Landfill site.